agency handling government stocks, are given below:

Year	Total qty. of wheat and rice handled (purchase+Sales) in Lakh MTs.		
	Wheat	Rice	Total
1984-85 .	146.24	134.20	280.44
1985-86 .	215.79	136.41	352.20
1986-87 .	224.87	169.92	394.79
1987-88 .	Accounts not yet finalised		

(c) The stocks unfit for human consupmtion are classified in the following 5 categories depending upon the extent of damage for their disposal:— (1) fit for cattle feed, (2) fit for poultry feed, (3) fit for industrial use, (4) fit for manurial purpose and (5) fit for dumping only. After such categorisation, stocks are offered to the State Governments or their agencies in the first instance. Stocks not accepted by the State Governments are sold to the approved registered parties dealing with such stocks by tender/auction.

(d) The FCI has been taking various measures for preservation and maintenance of the health of the foodgrain stocks in covered godowns as well as in CAP storage. These measures include prophylactic and curative treatments and periodical inspection of stocks by qualified technical personnel. Efforts are also being made to augment the covered storage capacity.

Reports of wage boards for journalist and non-Journalist newspaper employees

*47. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the wage boards for working journalist and non-journalist Newspaper employees; and whether their terms have been extended;

(b) by when the final reports of the wage boards are likely to be submitted; and

(c) whether the replies or objections to the interim proposals have been considered and disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) In the notifications setting up the two Wage Boards no terminal date was set. The Chairman, as the only fulltime member of the Wage Boards, was appointed initially for a period of one year. He assumed office on 1 August 1985. His term was extended on his request from time to time, the last such extension being upto 31.8.1988.

(b) The Chairman of the Wage Boards had indicated, in his last-received request for extension of his term beyond 31.8.88, that he would try to submit the final report by 31 December 1988.

(c) The two Wage Boards publicised tentative proposals on 30 August 1988, and called for submissions thereon by 17 October, 1988. The Wage Boards have not yet completed final consideration and disposal of the submissions made.

Expert group for providing a pension scheme for journalists and non-Journalists

*48. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Expert Group under the Chairmanship of the LIC Chairman has been set-up to go into the question of providing a pension scheme for journalists and non-journalist employees of newspaper establishments, if so, when and the address of its office;

(b) whether the Group has elicited opinion from various sectors of the newspaper industry including journalists of small newspapers; and

(c) by when the Group has been asked to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Group was set up in May, 1988. The Central Provident Funds Commissioner, Mayur Bhawan, Connaught Place, New Delhi is the Member-Secretary of the Group.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Group was requested to submit its report within three months. However, the Group is likely to take some more time to submit its report.

Allocation of essential commodities to West Bengal

*49. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of allocations of rice, wheat, kerosene and sugar; for the months of May to October, 1988, made for West Bengal against requirement by the State Government; and

(b) the physical delivery of those items given during the same period to that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

[*See* Appendix CXLVIII, Annexure No. 8].

Re-telecast of Feature Films on the National Hook-up

*50. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the policy of Doordarshan feature films in Hindi are re-telecast on Sundays and other days on the National hook-up;

(b) if so, what are the guidelines in this regard; and

(c) whether some feature films have been re-telecast during the last one year; and if so, what are their names and how many times these films have been re-telecast?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) According to the policy, Doordarshan may consider offer for retelecast of films of Grade 'A' and 'B' only after the lapse of 4 and 5 years respectively of the previous telecast.

(c) No, Sir.

Selection of Films for Filmotsav

*51. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Indian feature films selected in the Indian Panorama for the forthcoming Filmotsav;

(b) the number of feature films selected in the Indian Panorama during the last three years and the reasons for the reduction in number of such films; and

(c) the reasons for not entertaining appeals against the decisions of the